

1 H.710

2 SHORT FORM

3 Introduced by Representatives Sims of Craftsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury,

4 Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Newark, Page of Newport City,

5 Smith of Derby, Troiano of Stannard, and Williams of Granby

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Conservation and development; solid waste; landfill operation

9 standards; leachate treatment; import of waste

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
11 Secretary of Natural Resources from approving a leachate pretreatment system
12 at a landfill in Vermont. The bill would also prohibit a landfill in the State
13 from accepting landfill leachate, sludge, or contaminated soils unless the
14 Secretary of Natural Resources has issued a certification for the facility that
15 produced the landfill leachate, sludge, or contaminated soils or otherwise
16 approved the site or facility where the landfill leachate, sludge, or
17 contaminated soils originated. The bill would include a purpose section that
18 would declare that regulation of waste accepted by landfills in the State is
19 necessary in order to protect the water quality of Vermont, including Lake
20 Memphremagog and its integral importance as the largest body of water in
21 northeastern Vermont, the source of drinking water for 175,000 persons, and
22 an important economic driver for northeastern Vermont.

